

2011

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**WORK INCENTIVE
OF THE
MONTH CALENDAR**

FOR SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICAID (TITLE XIX) RECIPIENTS



Working Together
so all can work

TOP 13

WORK INCENTIVES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

AVAILABLE TO WORKING IOWANS WITH DISABILITIES

WHO WANT TO EARN MORE AND KEEP MORE MONEY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

*If you are concerned that working
and earning money, starting a small business,
or buying a house or car might jeopardize your
Medicaid (Title XIX)/Medicare medical benefits
or your Social Security cash benefit ---
read on for important information ...*

WHO IS THIS CALENDAR FOR?

This calendar is for people with disabilities who receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability cash benefits and want to earn more money by working.

Two Social Security programs provide benefits based on disability or blindness: the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program.

Social Security Disability Insurance – SSDI provides benefits to people with disabilities or who are blind AND who are “insured” by workers’ contributions to the Social Security trust fund. These contributions are based on earnings (or those of a spouse or parent), as required by the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA). SSDI checks are based on earnings over a lifetime and therefore vary in amount, depending how long you worked and how much money was earned. Title II of the Social Security Act authorizes SSDI benefits. Medicare health care coverage is available two years after receiving SSDI. SSDI counts the money from gross wages when you **earn** the money, not when you **receive** the money.

Supplemental Security Income – SSI provides cash assistance payments to people with disabilities (including children under age 18), people who are blind, or people who are elderly – who have limited income and resources (under \$2000 for an individual or \$3000 for a couple). Medicaid coverage is available with no waiting period. SSI counts the money from gross wages when you **receive** the money, not when you **earn** the money. In most cases, earning wages is financially advantageous to drawing SSI; however many people are concerned about losing their Medicaid health care benefit if they are employed. With SSI, there is a two-month delay – so you will need to plan that any earnings will affect your SSI check in two months.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CALENDAR

This calendar is a tool to help you track when you worked, how much you earned, and any expenses related to work and your disability that you can deduct. You are invited to use this calendar to document when and how you reported your earnings to Social Security (all wages need to be reported to Social Security by the 10th of the month) and other important information that working Iowans receiving SSI or SSDI need to track. Resource contact information is available at the end of the calendar. A pouch (back cover) is provided to store pay stubs and receipts.

*This calendar should be used to track and report information to
Social Security and to help avoid **OVERPAYMENT!***

This calendar does not take the place of reporting your earnings to Social Security!

REMEMBER - ALWAYS MAKE COPIES OF YOUR RECORDS!

Important Information About My Work and My Support Team

Important People/Phone Numbers

Benefits Planner/Community Work Incentive Coordinator (CWIC):

Phone number: _____ Ext. _____

Vocational Counselor: _____

Phone number: _____ Ext. _____

Representative Payee (if I have one): _____

Phone number: _____ Ext. _____

Employment Network: _____

Phone number: _____ Ext. _____

Support Broker for people using Community Choices Option (CCO):

Phone number: _____ Ext. _____

My Employer(s): _____

Phone number: _____ Ext. _____

Phone number: _____ Ext. _____

I am paid \$ _____ per hour and working _____ hours each week.

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Important Information About My Benefits

Social Security Contact: _____

Phone number: _____ Ext. _____

SSI \$ _____/month

- ☐ Impairment Related Work Expenses (IRWE)
- ☐ Blind Work Expenses
- ☐ Property Essential to Self-Support (PESS)
- ☐ Continued Medicaid (1619b)
- ☐ Expedited Reinstatement of Benefits (EXR)
- ☐ Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS)
- ☐ Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE)

SSDI \$ _____/month

Trial Work Period used ☐ Yes ☐ No # _____

Extended Period of Eligibility started _____ ends _____

Impairment Related Work Expenses (IRWE) _____

Medicare start date _____ Part A _____ Part B _____ Part D _____

_____ Expedited Reinstatement of Benefits (EXR)

_____ Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS)

Other Benefits I Receive

- ☐ Food Assistance (stamps) \$ _____
- ☐ Medicaid for Employed People with Disabilities (MEPD)
- ☐ Housing Assistance \$ _____ Type _____

I have assigned my Ticket to Work ☐ Yes ☐ No

I have a PASS ☐ Yes ☐ No

* To find Social Security benefits information, call your local Social Security office or your Iowa Work Incentives Planning & Assistance Project (IWIPA). IWIPA can be reached at these toll free numbers and web site: 1-877-424-9472 or 1-866-528-4019 or at www.iowawipa.org

RESOURCES

PLACES TO GET INFORMATION AND HELP

ASK Family Resource Center

800-450-8667 (toll free)

TDD 800-735-2942

www.askresource.org

Association for Providers of Supported Employment (APSE)

319-293-6276

www.iowa-apse.org

Child Health Specialty Clinics (CHSC)

319-356-1117

866-219-9119 (toll free)

www.uiowahealthcare.com/depts/state/chsc

County Central Point of Coordination

www.dhs.state.ia.us/mhdd/docs/CPCLIST.pdf

Deaf Services Commission of Iowa

TTY 888-221-3724

www.humanrights.iowa.gov/ds/index.html

Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council

800-452-1936 (toll free)

TTY 515-281-9082

www.idaction.org

HUD

515-284-4512

TTY 515-284-4728

www.portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/hud/states/iowa

Institute for Social and Economic Development/ISED Ventures/Iowans Save

515-283-0940

www.isedventures.org

Iowa Able Foundation

888-222-8943 (toll free)

www.iowaable.com

Iowa Association of Community Providers

515-270-9495

www.iowaproviders.org

Iowa COMPASS

800-779-2001 (toll free)

TTY 877-686-0032

www.iowacompass.org/index.html

Iowa Credit Union League

800-860-6180 (toll free)

www.iowacreditunions.com

Iowa Department for the Blind

800-362-2587 (toll free)

www.blind.state.ia.us

Iowa Department of Education—Student Transition Planning

515-281-5265

www.iowa.gov/educate

Iowa Department of Education—Parent/Educator Connection

515-242-5295

www.iowa.gov/educate

Iowa Department of Human Services

www.dhs.state.ia.us

Iowa Disability Program Navigators

563-380-0273 or 515-783-4877

www.iowaworkforce.org/access/navigatorcontact.html

Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

Member Services: 800-338-8366 (toll free)

Member Eligibility: 800-972-2017 (toll free)

www.ime.state.ia.us/index.html

Iowa Protection and Advocacy Services

800-779-2502 (toll free)

TTY 866-483-3342

www.ipna.org

Iowa Small Business Development Centers

515-294-2030

www.iowasbdc.org

Iowa Statewide Independent Living Council

877-466-7442 (toll free)

TTY 877-466-0623

www.iowasilc.org

Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services

800-532-1486 (toll free)

www.ivrs.iowa.gov

Iowa Workforce Development

800-562-4692 (toll free)

www.iowaworkforce.org

Iowa Work Incentives Planning & Assistance

430 East Grand

Des Moines, IA 50309-9803

877-424-9472 (toll free) or

Relay 711- toll free 866-528-4019

www.iowawipa.org

Social Security Administration

800-772-1213 (toll free)

TTY 800-325-0778

www.socialsecurity.gov

Ticket to Work/Maximus

866-968-7842 (toll free)

TTY 866-833-2967

www.yourtickettowork.com

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

800-906-9887 (toll free)

www.irs.gov (enter VITA in search box)

VSA Iowa strives to create a society where people with disabilities learn through, participate in, and enjoy the arts.

We are dedicated to the mission of connecting Iowans of all abilities through arts experiences and education.



**The State Organization
on Arts and Disability**

Guiding Principals



Our initiatives are guided by four essential principles:

- Every young person with disabilities deserves access to engaging and inclusive arts learning experiences.
- All artists in schools and art educators should be adequately prepared to include students with disabilities in their instruction.
- All children, youth, and adults with disabilities should have complete access to community arts and cultural facilities, events and activities.
- All individuals with disabilities who aspire to careers in the arts should have the opportunity to develop essential knowledge and skills.

Our Core Program Areas

Education

- Arts for Children
- New Visions Dance
- Summer Art Classes

Professional Development

- Professional Development Class for Educators
- Artist Training Workshops

Cultural Access

- VSA Governor's Festival at the Iowa State Fair

Outreach and Community Awareness

- Traveling Art Exhibit



Contact Information

Address |

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Web | www.vsaartsofiowa.org

VSA Iowa – Artist (calendar artwork)

Cover artwork – (collage of VSA artists artwork)

Back page artwork – (VSA artist cropped artwork)

Harriet A. Clements – *For Him She Planted Roses*, Collage (January)

Yadira Kinkade – *A New Dawn*, Acrylic (February)

David A. Stewart – *Hid Lost Treasures*, Colored Pencil (March)

John Jannenga – *The Painter*, Watercolor Wash (April)

Michael Groesbeck – *The Fallen*, Digital Photography (May)

Dick Grodt – *Silver Lining*, Watercolor (June)

Glenn Hansen – *Nite's Fire*, Photography (July)

Linda Boie – *Got Milk?*, Photography (August)

Kem Bappe – *Embracing Change II*, Resist, Dyes, Rice Paper (September)

Rebecca Pittman – *Yankee Doodle Bling*, Mixed Media (October)

Janet Ahrens – *Autumn Nights*, Mixed Media (November)

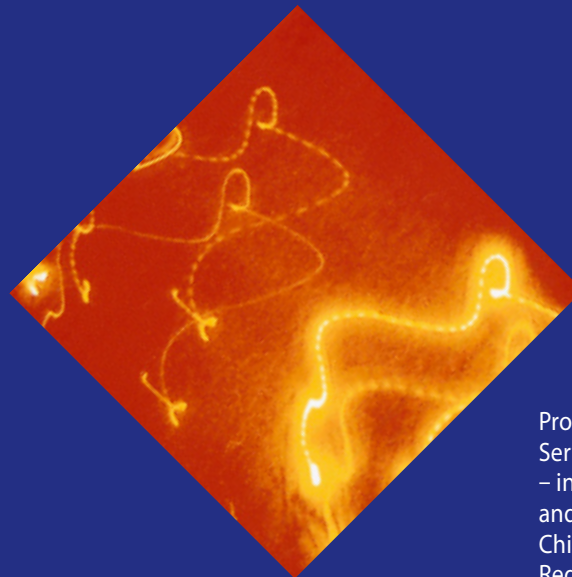
Annette Hobbs – *At The Follies*, Colored Pencil, Watercolor (December)

Mary Mitchell – *Terra Cotta Cat*, Acrylic (January)

NOTE: Most of the artwork has been photographically cropped to fit each calendar month space.



**The State Organization
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